

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: September 12, 2023		
Subject: Options for Buyout Programs in Response to Extreme Weather Events		
Motion for Council to Consider:		
That Halifax Regional Council:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on managed retreat as a climate adaptation approach to manage risks and impacts associated with extreme weather events in the municipality.2. Direct the Mayor to write a letter to the Premier of Nova Scotia requesting the provincial government work with the municipality to create a provincial buyout program specific to the Union Street properties in Bedford impacted by extreme flooding in July 2023, similar to what was done in 2016 in Sydney, Cape Breton.		
Reason:		
Solutions need to be found for the impacted properties on Union Street that have been damaged by repetitive severe floods. Property buyout programs—which involve the relocation of high-risk neighbourhoods via the government acquisition of property—are considered among the most effective forms of risk management since they directly reduce exposure to flooding. Well-planned buyout programs can effectively eliminate flood risk to people and property, restore natural flood protection along shorelines, and open up land for public recreation.		
Outcome Sought:		
A staff report on managed retreat, letters to the Premier and Province of Nova Scotia, and an agreement by the Province of Nova Scotia to partner with the municipality to develop a buyout program to manage extreme weather events in the municipality.		
<i>Councillor Tim Outhit</i>		<i>District 16</i>